

Message

From: Minter, Douglas [Minter.Douglas@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/7/2016 11:10:26 PM
To: Bahrman, Sarah [Bahrman.Sarah@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Dewey

Thanks again Sarah!

From: McGrath, Shaun
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2016 3:00 PM
To: Bahrman, Sarah <Bahrman.Sarah@epa.gov>; Minter, Douglas <Minter.Douglas@epa.gov>
Cc: O'Connor, Darcy <oconnor.darcy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dewey

Thanks. This looks great.

From: Bahrman, Sarah
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2016 1:14 PM
To: McGrath, Shaun <McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov>; Minter, Douglas <Minter.Douglas@epa.gov>
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Hi Shaun –
Here's the paragraph for you to include.

One update from Tuesday - in looking into how we will incorporate climate change into the cumulative effects analysis, we heard from folks in NEPA that HQ will want to review our analysis. Given that and some other moving parts of this project, I expect that the draft permits will be issued later than our Oct 21 target date. I need to talk to Darcy about the overall schedule when she's back, but for now I wrote this paragraph to be more general in terms of timing. All that said, you may want to think about when you want to send this summary to the Administrator.

I'll come up to see if you have some time to discuss this and the ND Class 6 memo.
Thanks!

In late October or November, we anticipate issuing draft UIC permits and an aquifer exemption decision to Powertech USA, Inc. for a proposed uranium in-situ recovery (ISR) project northwest of Edgemont, South Dakota. These UIC permits will be the first EPA has directly issued for uranium recovery nationwide, and include some requirements that will be new to the uranium ISR industry to ensure adequate protection of underground sources of drinking water (USDWs). The proposed project site is near the Black Hills, where at least 38 tribal nations have historic claims or consider this area to be sacred. Through consultation, several tribes have raised concerns about potential impacts on historic properties of cultural importance. Following issuance of the draft permits, we will provide interested tribes and other stakeholders specific information about how the UIC permits propose to protect USDWs at the site. There will be a 60 day public comment period and four public hearings held near the site to allow ample opportunity for tribes and other stakeholders to provide comments. We will continue to encourage interested tribes to consult with us through the permitting process. We expect to receive many adverse comments and that a final decision to issue UIC permits would be appealed.

From: McGrath, Shaun
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2016 11:46 AM
To: Minter, Douglas <Minter.Douglas@epa.gov>
Cc: Bahrman, Sarah <Bahrman.Sarah@epa.gov>
Subject: Dewey

Douglas,
Checking in on where things stand with that paragraph on the status of Dewey Burdock for my weekend report to Administrator?

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